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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Engineer 

SUBJECT: Status of Beck Street Permit Application, Staker & Parson Companies, Beck Street Quarry, M/035/019, Salt Lake County, Utah

On September 8, 2005, the Division received an abbreviated mining plan for the Beck Street Quarry. In this plan, Staker is proposing that the quarry be permitted in three phases. This is a departure from the plans previously considered in which the entire quarry was included in the application. This permitting approach is unacceptable to the Division.

Since this permitting action for the Beck Street Quarry began on April 2, 2003, Staker has mined in all three of the proposed phases. We consider that because mining has occurred, a reclamation liability exists. Therefore, all the areas that are presently disturbed within the quarry and the planned disturbance within the next 5 to 10 years should be included in Staker's Reclamation Plan and surety estimate.

We have reviewed the IGES study that was completed in the area noted as Phase I in the latest submittal. We concur that with the safety factor shown that the slopes can be left at the proposed slope angle, provided the conditions of the study are followed. The slope angles in the area labeled Phase II and Phase III will need to be designed at a 45-degree or flatter slope because they were not included in this study. If a study is completed at a later date that confirms that these slopes can be safely left at a steeper angle, the plan can be amended at that time to allow for this change.

These parameters need to be applied to the plan as submitted before it was changed to include the phased mining approach. Staker needs to address the comments included in the August 30, 2004 review and complete this plan as reviewed at that time. This permitting action has already taken 3 ½ years without an approvable plan. Staker must expedite the completion of the plan reviewed in August of 2004 and submit the completed plan by an established date. Further extensions of this deadline without extenuating circumstances, should not be approved.

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